

Remarks/Arguments

In view of the fact that allowable subject matter has been indicated to be present in the case, an earnest effort has been made to bring the application to issue without delay.

1. The priority claim acknowledgment in paragraph 12 of PTOL 326 is appreciated.

2. The Abstract of the Disclosure, to which an objection has been raised by the Examiner, has been replaced with one of appropriate size and substance.

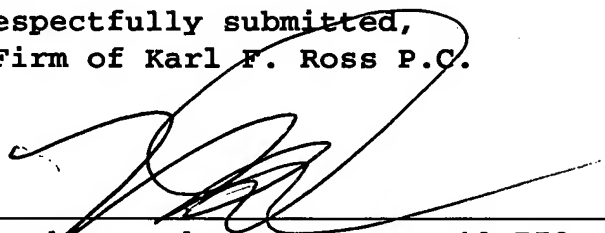
3. A Substitute Specification is provided with section headings and correction of minor informalities and in the American idiom. It is accompanied by an marked-up version showing the changes made. The Substitute Specification does not contain any new matter.

4. Claim 1 has been rejected on the LEIROS patent 4,995,312. However, claims 2-41 have been indicated to contain allowable subject matter. Consequently, claim 2 which is allowable, has been placed in independent form and ought to be allowable together with claims 3-17 which originally depended therefrom and claims 18-41 which now depend therefrom by reason of the amendment of claims 18, 28, 33, 35 and 36.

Since all of the claims are thus deemed to be allowable,  
a discussion of the LEIROS reference is unnecessary.

Favorable action is awaited.

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Enclosures: Substitute Specification  
Marked-up original Specification  
Substitute Abstract